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1. Organizational and procedural matters

A. Date and venue of the session

1. In accordance with its annual programme of work, as considered on 8 December 2014 at the organizational session for the ninth cycle of the Human Rights Council, the Council will hold its thirtieth session from 14 September to 2 October 2015 at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

2. In accordance with rule 8 (b) of the rules of procedure of the Council, as contained in section VII of the annex to Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007, it has been decided that the organizational meeting for the thirtieth session will be held on 24 August 2015.

B. Agenda of the session

3. The agenda of the Human Rights Council is contained in section V of the annex to Council resolution 5/1. The Council will have before it the present annotations relating to items included in the agenda for the thirtieth session.

C. Composition of the Human Rights Council

4. The composition of the Human Rights Council at its thirtieth session is as follows:* Albania (2017); Algeria (2016); Argentina (2015); Bangladesh (2017); Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (2017); Botswana (2017); Brazil (2015); China (2016); Congo (2017); Côte d'Ivoire (2015); Cuba (2016); El Salvador (2017); Estonia (2015); Ethiopia (2015); France (2016); Gabon (2015); Germany (2015); Ghana (2017); India (2017); Indonesia (2017); Ireland (2015); Japan (2015); Kazakhstan (2015); Kenya (2015); Latvia (2017); Maldives (2016); Mexico (2016); Montenegro (2015); Morocco (2016); Namibia (2016); Netherlands (2017); Nigeria (2017); Pakistan (2015); Paraguay (2017); Portugal (2017); Qatar (2017); Republic of Korea (2015); Russian Federation (2016); Saudi Arabia (2016); Sierra Leone (2015); South Africa (2016); the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (2016); United Arab Emirates (2015); United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2016); United States of America (2015); Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (2015); Viet Nam (2016).

D. Bureau of the Human Rights Council

5. At its organizational session, held on 8 December 2014, the Human Rights Council elected the following members of the Bureau for its ninth cycle, which will run from 1 January until 31 December 2015: President of the Council, Joachim Rücker (Germany); Vice-Presidents, Mukhtar Tileuberdi (Kazakhstan), Filloreta Kodra (Albania), Juan Esteban Aguirre Martínez (Paraguay); Vice-President and Rapporteur, Mothusi Bruce Rabasha Palai (Botswana).

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* The term of membership of each State expires in the year indicated in parentheses.

E. Selection and appointment of mandate holders

6. In accordance with paragraph 47 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 and the requirements set out in Council decision 6/102, the consultative group composed of Alexandros Alexandris (Greece), Boudjemâa Delmi (Algeria), Remigiusz A. Henczel (Poland), Marta Maurás (Chile) and Faisal Bin Hassan Trad (Saudi Arabia) will propose to the President of the Council a list of candidates for the new mandate holder to be appointed at the thirtieth session for the mandate of Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights. Following the resignation of a member of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent from Latin American and Caribbean States and a member of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances from Eastern European States, the consultative group will also propose a list of candidates to replace these members.

7. In accordance with the procedure stipulated in paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the appointment of special procedures mandate holders will be completed upon the subsequent approval of the Council. The mandate holders in question will be appointed before the end of the thirtieth session.

8. The Council decided that the Bureau should, in consultation with Member States, and keeping the Consultative Group and the special procedures mandate holders duly informed, make recommendations and identify modalities to adjust the terms of mandate holders on an exceptional one-time basis, in order to better spread the appointment process over time, namely, across Council cycles, and present those recommendations to the Council at its thirtieth session for its consideration and appropriate decision (President's statement 29/1 on enhancing the efficiency of the Human Rights Council). Accordingly, the Bureau will present its recommendations to the Council.

F. Election of members of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee

9. At its seventh session, the Human Rights Council conducted the first elections of the 18 members of the Advisory Committee. Four members were elected for a one-year term, seven for a two-year term and seven for a three-year term.

10. At its twenty-first session, the Council elected four members for a three-year term. Pursuant to Council decision 18/121, the term of office of the four members will end on 30 September 2015.

11. At its thirtieth session, the Council will elect Advisory Committee members for the four vacant seats. Of the four vacancies, there is one vacancy for African States, one for Asia-Pacific States, one for Latin American and Caribbean States and one for Western European and other States.

12. Paragraph 70 of the annex to resolution 5/1 provides that the Council shall elect the members of the Advisory Committee, in secret ballot, from the list of candidates whose names have been presented in accordance with the agreed requirements.

13. Pursuant to paragraph 67 of the annex to resolution 5/1, the Council adopted decision 6/102 containing technical and objective requirements for the submission of candidatures for members of the Advisory Committee with the aim of ensuring that the best possible expertise is made available to the Council.

14. In accordance with paragraph 71 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the list of candidates for the four vacant seats and relevant information have been made available to Member States and to the public in a note by the Secretary-General (A/HRC/30/17).

G. Report of the session

15. At the end of its session, the Human Rights Council will have before it for adoption a draft report prepared by the Rapporteur. The report will contain a technical summary of the proceedings held during the thirtieth session.

2. Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General

16. All reports of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Office of the High Commissioner (OHCHR) and the Secretary-General are submitted under agenda item 2, which remains an open-ended item throughout the session. These reports will be considered at the time of consideration of relevant agenda items, as appropriate. The specific timing of their introduction will be reflected in the programme of work.

Promoting reconciliation and accountability in Sri Lanka

17. In its resolution 25/1 on promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to present to the Council at its twenty-eighth session a comprehensive report on the implementation of that resolution, followed by a discussion.

18. As explained in the note by the Secretariat submitted to the Council at its twenty-eighth session (A/HRC/28/23), the Council, pursuant to the recommendation of the High Commissioner, decided at its organizational meeting held on 16 February 2015 to defer, for one time only, its consideration of the report until its thirtieth session. Accordingly, the Council will have before it the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/30/61).

Atrocities committed by the terrorist group Boko Haram in the States affected by such acts

19. In its resolution S-23/1, the Council requested OHCHR to collect information on violations and abuses of human rights and atrocities committed by the terrorist group Boko Haram in the States affected by such acts, and to submit a report for consideration at its thirtieth session. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/30/67).

Mission by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to improve human rights, accountability, reconciliation and capacity in South Sudan

20. In its resolution 29/13, the Council requested the High Commissioner to present to the Council at its thirtieth session a preliminary oral report on the mission by OHCHR to improve human rights, accountability, reconciliation and capacity in South Sudan. The High Commissioner will present an oral report to the Council.

Situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar

21. In its resolution 29/21, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present an oral update to the Council at its thirtieth session on the human rights violations and abuses against Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar, particularly the recent incidents of trafficking and forced displacement. Accordingly, the High Commissioner will present an oral update to the Council.

Question of the death penalty

22. In its decision 18/117, the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General to continue to submit a yearly supplement to his quinquennial report on capital punishment and the implementation of the safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty, paying special attention to the imposition of the death penalty on persons younger than 18 years of age at the time of the offence, on pregnant women and on persons with mental or intellectual disabilities. In its resolution 26/2, the Council requested the Secretary-General to dedicate the 2015 supplement to his quinquennial report to the consequences arising at various stages of the imposition and application of the death penalty on the enjoyment of the human rights of those facing the death penalty and other affected persons, and to present it to the Council at its thirtieth session. The Council will have before it the yearly supplement of the Secretary-General to his quinquennial report (A/HRC/30/18).

23. Also pursuant to its resolution 26/2, the Council held, at its twenty-eighth session, a high-level panel discussion on the question of the death penalty to address regional efforts aiming at its abolition and the challenges faced in that regard. In accordance with that resolution, the Council will have before it the summary report of OHCHR on the panel discussion (A/HRC/30/21).

Human rights in the administration of justice, including juvenile justice

24. In its resolution 24/12, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to submit to the Council, at its thirtieth session, an analytical report on the human rights implications of over-incarceration and overcrowding, seeking the views of States and other relevant stakeholders, including on their practice regarding alternatives to detention. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/30/19).

Role of prevention in the promotion and protection of human rights

25. In its resolution 24/16, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to draft, and present to the Council at its thirtieth session, a study on the prevention of human rights violations and its practical implementation, taking into account the outcome of the panel discussion on the role of prevention in the promotion and protection of human rights held at the twenty-seventh session of the Council. The Council will consider the OHCHR study (A/HRC/30/20).

Right to development

26. In its resolution 27/2, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to continue to submit to the Council an annual report on its activities, including on inter-agency coordination within the United Nations system with regard to the promotion and realization of the right to development. In its resolution 69/181, the General Assembly requested the High Commissioner, in mainstreaming the right to development, to effectively undertake activities aimed at strengthening the global partnership for development among Member States, development agencies and the international development, financial and trade institutions and to reflect those activities in his next report to the Council. In the same resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit an interim report to the Council on the implementation of that resolution, including efforts undertaken at the national, regional and international levels in the promotion and realization of the right to development. The Council will consider the consolidated report of the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner (A/HRC/30/22).

27. Reference is made to the note by the Secretariat concerning the report of the Working Group on the Right to Development on its sixteenth session (A/HRC/30/46) (see para. 58 below).

Rights of the child

28. Pursuant to its resolution 25/6, the Human Rights Council held at its twenty-eighth session a full-day meeting on the theme "Towards better investment in the rights of the child", and requested the High Commissioner to circulate a summary report on the meeting. The Council will have before it the summary report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/30/62).

Rights of indigenous peoples

29. In its resolution 27/13, the Council requested the High Commissioner to continue to submit to the Council an annual report on the rights of indigenous peoples containing information on relevant developments in human rights bodies and mechanisms and activities undertaken by OHCHR at headquarters and in the field that contribute to the promotion of, respect for and the full application of the provisions of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and follow-up on the effectiveness of the Declaration. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/30/25) (see also paras. 61, 64 and 81-83 below).

Accelerating efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women: eliminating domestic violence

30. In its resolution 29/14, the Human Rights Council welcomed the panel discussion on domestic violence against women and girls, held during the annual full-day discussion on women's human rights at its twenty-ninth session, and requested OHCHR to present a summary report on the discussion to the Council at its thirtieth session. The Council will have before it the summary report of OHCHR (A/HRC/30/70).

Safety of journalists and the issue of impunity

31. In its resolution 69/185 on the safety of journalists and the issue of impunity, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly at its seventieth session and to the Human Rights Council at its thirtieth session a report on the implementation of that resolution. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly, transmitted to the Council through a note by the Secretariat (A/HRC/30/68).

Realizing the equal enjoyment of the right to education by every girl

32. In its resolution 27/6, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a summary report on the panel discussion on realizing the equal enjoyment of the right to education by every girl held at its twenty-ninth session and to present the report to the Council at its thirtieth session. The Council will consider the summary report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/30/23).

World Programme for Human Rights Education

33. In its resolution 27/12, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to submit to the Council, at its thirtieth session, an evaluation report on the implementation of the second phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education, based on national evaluation reports. The Council will consider the evaluation report of OHCHR (A/HRC/30/24).

Effects of terrorism on the enjoyment of human rights

34. In its resolution 28/17, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a summary report on the panel discussion on the effects of terrorism on the enjoyment by all persons of human rights and fundamental freedoms held at its twenty-ninth session, and to submit the report to the Council at its thirtieth session. The Council will have before it the summary report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/30/64).

Equal participation in political and public affairs

35. In its resolution 27/24, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to prepare a study on best practices, experiences and challenges and ways to overcome them with regard to the promotion, protection and implementation of the right to participate in public affairs in the context of the existing human rights law with a view to identifying possible elements of principles guiding this implementation, and to present it to the Council at its thirtieth session. The Council will consider the study of OHCHR (A/HRC/30/26).

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

36. In its resolution 28/2, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare, taking into account the discussions conducted by the high-level panel on human rights mainstreaming held during the twenty-eighth session of the Council with the theme of "Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights", a report on the ways and means, as well as obstacles and challenges and proposals to overcome them, for the enhancement of international cooperation in the United Nations human rights machinery, including the Council, and to submit it to the Council before its thirtieth session. The Council will have before it a note by the Secretariat concerning the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/30/63).

Cooperation with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights

37. In its resolution 12/2, the Human Rights Council invited the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council at its fourteenth session and annually thereafter, containing a compilation and analysis of any available information, from all appropriate sources, on alleged reprisals against those who seek to cooperate or have cooperated with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms, as well as recommendations on how to address the issues of intimidation and reprisals. The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/30/29).

Contribution of the Human Rights Council to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem of 2016

38. In its resolution 28/28, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a study to be presented to the Council at its thirtieth session on the impact of the world drug problem on the enjoyment of human rights, and recommendations on respect for and the protection and promotion of human rights in the context of the world drug problem. The Council will have before it the study of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/30/65) (see also para. 96 below).

National policies and human rights

39. In its resolution 27/26, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a summary report on the panel discussion, held at the twenty-eighth session of the Council, on the issue of national policies and human rights, with a particular focus on the findings of the report of OHCHR on technical assistance and capacity-building options

for integrating human rights into national policies (A/HRC/27/41), identifying challenges, further developments and good practices in mainstreaming human rights in national policies and programmes, and to present it to the Council before its thirtieth session. The Council will have before it the summary report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/30/28).

Technical assistance and capacity-building for human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

40. In its resolution 27/27, the Human Rights Council invited the High Commissioner to report to the Council at its thirtieth session on the efforts of OHCHR to increase and strengthen its technical assistance programmes and activities aimed at improving the human rights situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/30/32).

41. Also in its resolution 27/27, the Council called upon the High Commissioner to commission a study on the impact of technical assistance and capacity-building on the human rights situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and to submit the report to the Council at its thirtieth session within the framework of an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the study of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/30/33).

Technical assistance and capacity-building for Yemen in the field of human rights

42. In its resolution 27/19, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to provide technical assistance and to work with the Government of Yemen to identify additional areas of assistance to enable Yemen to fulfil its human rights obligations. It requested OHCHR to present to the Council at its thirtieth session a progress report on the situation of human rights in Yemen and on the follow-up to Council resolutions 18/19, 19/29, 21/22, 24/32 and 27/19. The Council will consider the progress report of OHCHR (A/HRC/30/31).

Advisory services and technical assistance for Cambodia

43. In its resolution 24/29, the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its thirtieth session on the role and achievements of OHCHR in assisting the Government and the people of Cambodia in the promotion and protection of human rights. The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/30/30) (see also para. 105 below).

Technical assistance and capacity-building in strengthening human rights in Iraq in the light of the abuses committed by Daesh and associated terrorist groups

44. In its resolution 28/32, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to provide technical assistance to the Government of Iraq to assist in the promotion and protection of human rights, including by all Iraqi parties, and to provide a written report thereon to the Council at its thirtieth session. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/30/66).

Technical assistance and capacity-building to improve human rights in Libya

45. Reference is made to the oral update of the High Commissioner on the mission to investigate violations and abuses of international human rights law committed in Libya since the beginning of 2014 (see para. 110 below).

Cooperation and assistance to Ukraine in the field of human rights

46. Reference is made to the oral update of the High Commissioner on the findings of the periodic reports of OHCHR on the situation of human rights in Ukraine (see para. 111 below).

3. Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development

A. Economic, social and cultural rights

Realizing the equal enjoyment of the right to education by every girl

47. Reference is made to the summary report of the High Commissioner on the panel discussion on realizing the equal enjoyment of the right to education by every girl, held at the twenty-ninth session of the Council (A/HRC/30/23) (see para. 32 above).

Access to safe drinking water and sanitation

48. In its resolution 24/18, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation and requested the Special Rapporteur to continue to report to the Council on an annual basis. The Council will consider the report of the new mandate holder, Léo Heller (A/HRC/30/39 and Add.1–3).

Environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes

49. In its resolution 27/23, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes for a period of three years. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Baskut Tuncak (A/HRC/30/40 and Add.1–2).

B. Civil and political rights

Question of the death penalty

50. Reference is made to the yearly supplement of the Secretary-General to his quinquennial report on the question of the death penalty (A/HRC/30/18) and to the summary report of OHCHR on the high-level panel discussion on the question of the death penalty (A/HRC/30/21) (see paras. 22 and 23 above).

Human rights in the administration of justice, including juvenile justice

51. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the human rights implications of over-incarceration and overcrowding (A/HRC/30/19) (see para. 24 above).

Equal participation in political and public affairs

52. Reference is made to the study of OHCHR on best practices, experiences and challenges and ways to overcome them with regard to the promotion, protection and implementation of the right to participate in public affairs in the context of the existing human rights law (A/HRC/30/26) (see para. 35 above).

Truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence

53. In its resolution 27/3, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence for a period of three years with the same terms as provided for by the Council in its resolution 18/7, and requested the Special Rapporteur to continue to report annually to the Council and the General Assembly. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Pablo de Greiff (A/HRC/30/42 and Add.1–2).

Contemporary forms of slavery

54. In its resolution 24/3, the Human Rights Council decided to renew the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences for a period of three years, and decided that the Special Rapporteur should examine and report on all contemporary forms of slavery and slavery-like practices, but in particular those defined in the Slavery Convention of 1926 and the Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery of 1956. It further requested the Special Rapporteur to submit annual reports to the Council, together with recommendations on measures that should be taken to combat and eradicate contemporary forms of slavery and slavery-like practices and to protect the human rights of victims of such practices. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Urmila Bhoola (A/HRC/30/35 and Add.1–4).

Arbitrary detention

55. In its resolution 6/4, the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention. In its resolution 24/7, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Working Group for a further period of three years. The Council will consider the report of the Working Group (A/HRC/30/36 and Add.1–6) and will have before it the methods of work of the Working Group (A/HRC/30/69).

56. In its resolution 20/16, the Human Rights Council requested the Working Group to prepare draft basic principles and guidelines on remedies and procedures on the right of anyone deprived of his or her liberty by arrest or detention to bring proceedings before court in order that the court may decide without delay on the lawfulness of his or her detention and order his or her release if the detention is not lawful, with the aim of assisting Member States in fulfilling their obligation to avoid arbitrary deprivation of liberty in compliance with international human rights law. It also requested the Working Group to present the draft basic principles and guidelines to the Council before the end of 2015. The Council will consider the report of the Working Group containing the draft basic principles and guidelines (A/HRC/30/37).

Enforced or involuntary disappearances

57. In its resolution 27/1, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances for a period of three years, in conformity with the terms set forth in Council resolution 7/12. The Council will consider the report of the Working Group (A/HRC/30/38 and Add.1–8).

C. Right to development

58. In its resolution 9/3, the Human Rights Council decided that the Working Group on the Right to Development should convene annual sessions of five working days and submit its reports to the Council. The Council will have before it a note by the Secretariat

(A/HRC/30/46) according to which the sixteenth session of the Working Group is scheduled to resume from 1 to 4 September 2015 and, consequently, the report on the session will be submitted to the Council at a future session.

59. Reference is also made to the consolidated report of the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner on the right to development (A/HRC/30/22) (see para. 26 above).

D. Rights of peoples, and of specific groups and individuals

Rights of the child

60. Reference is made to the summary report of the High Commissioner on the full-day meeting on the theme "Towards better investment in the rights of the child", held at the twenty-eighth session (A/HRC/30/62) (see para. 28 above).

Human rights of indigenous peoples

61. In its resolution 24/9, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples for a period of three years on the same terms as provided by the Council in its resolution 15/14. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Victoria Lucia Tauli-Corpuz (A/HRC/30/41 and Add.1–2).

62. Reference is also made to the annual report of the High Commissioner on the human rights of indigenous peoples (A/HRC/30/25) (see para. 29 above).

63. Reference is also made to the reports of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (see paras. 81-83 below).

64. Pursuant to its resolutions 18/8 and 27/13, the Human Rights Council will hold a half-day panel discussion on the follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, and its implications for the achievement of the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (see annex).

Accelerating efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women: eliminating domestic violence

65. Reference is made to the summary report of OHCHR on the panel discussion on domestic violence against women and girls, held at the twenty-ninth session (A/HRC/30/70) (see para. 30 above).

Safety of journalists and the issue of impunity

66. Reference is made to the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on the safety of journalists and the issue of impunity, transmitted to the Council through a note by the Secretariat (A/HRC/30/68) (see para. 31 above).

Human rights of older persons

67. In its resolution 24/20, the Human Rights Council decided to establish the mandate of Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons, and requested the Independent Expert to report annually to the Council. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Rosa Kornfeld-Matte (A/HRC/30/43 and Add.1–6).

E. Interrelation of human rights and human rights thematic issues

Role of prevention in the promotion and protection of human rights

68. Reference is made to the study of OHCHR on the prevention of human rights violations and its practical implementation (A/HRC/30/20) (see para. 25 above).

World Programme for Human Rights Education

69. Reference is made to the evaluation report of OHCHR on the implementation of the second phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education (A/HRC/30/24) (see para. 33 above).

Effects of terrorism on the enjoyment of human rights

70. Reference is made to the summary report of the High Commissioner on the panel discussion on the effects of terrorism on the enjoyment by all persons of human rights and fundamental freedoms held at the twenty-ninth session (A/HRC/30/64) (see para. 34 above).

Human rights and unilateral coercive measures

71. In its resolution 27/21, the Human Rights Council decided to appoint, for a period of three years, a Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights. It also requested the Special Rapporteur to submit each year a report to the Council and the General Assembly. The Council will consider the report of the new mandate holder, Idriss Jazairy (A/HRC/30/45).

72. Also in its resolution 27/21, the Council decided to organize a biennial panel discussion on the issue of unilateral coercive measures and human rights, starting at its twenty-ninth session. At its organizational meeting, held on 26 May 2015, the Council decided to postpone the panel discussion until its thirtieth session (see annex).

Role of good governance in the promotion and protection of human rights

73. Pursuant to its resolution 25/8, the Human Rights Council will hold a panel discussion on a human rights-based approach to good governance in the public service (see annex).

Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

74. In its resolution 27/10, the Human Rights Council requested the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination to continue to study and identify sources and causes, emerging issues, manifestations and trends regarding mercenaries or mercenary-related activities and their impact on human rights, particularly on the right of peoples to self-determination. In the same resolution, the Council also requested the Working Group to report its findings to the General Assembly at its seventieth session and to the Council at its thirtieth session. The Council will consider the report of the Working Group (A/HRC/30/34 and Add.1–2).

Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order

75. In its resolution 27/9, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order for a period of three years, in conformity with the terms set forth in Council resolution 18/6. It also requested the Independent Expert to report regularly to the Council and the General

Assembly. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Alfred de Zayas (A/HRC/30/44).

International regulatory framework on the regulation, monitoring and oversight of the activities of private military and security companies

76. In its resolution 22/33, the Human Rights Council decided that the open-ended intergovernmental working group to consider the possibility of elaborating an international regulatory framework on the regulation, monitoring and oversight of the activities of private military and security companies should present its recommendations to the Council at its thirtieth session. In its resolution 28/7, the Council also decided to extend the mandate of the working group for two and a half years in order for it to undertake and fulfil its mandate, as contained in Council resolution 22/33. The Council will consider the report of the open-ended intergovernmental working group (A/HRC/30/47).

4. Human rights situations that require the Council's attention

Continuing grave deterioration in the human rights and humanitarian situation in the Syrian Arab Republic

77. In its resolution 28/20, the Human Rights Council decided to extend for one year the mandate of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic established by the Council in its resolution S-17/1 to investigate all alleged violations of international human rights law since March 2011 in the Syrian Arab Republic, and also requested the Commission to present written updated reports during the interactive dialogues at the thirtieth and thirty-first sessions of the Council. The Council will consider the report of the Commission (A/HRC/30/48).

Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

78. In its resolution 28/22, the Human Rights Council welcomed the steps taken by OHCHR towards establishing a field-based structure in the Republic of Korea to strengthen the monitoring and documentation of the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, to ensure accountability, to provide the Special Rapporteur with increased support, to enhance the engagement and capacity-building of the Governments of all States concerned, civil society and other stakeholders and to maintain the visibility of the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, including through sustained communications, advocacy and outreach initiatives. It requested OHCHR to present an oral update to the Council at its thirtieth session on the role and achievements of OHCHR, including on the field-based structure. Accordingly, OHCHR will present an oral update to the Council.

79. Also pursuant to its resolution 28/22, the Human Rights Council will hold a panel discussion on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, including the issue of international abductions, enforced disappearances and related matters (see annex).

5. Human rights bodies and mechanisms

Cooperation with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights

80. Reference is made to the report of the Secretary-General on alleged reprisals, including the recommendations contained therein on how to address the issues of

intimidation and reprisals against those who seek to cooperate or have cooperated with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms (A/HRC/30/29) (see para. 37 above).

A. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

81. In its resolution 6/36, the Human Rights Council decided to establish a subsidiary expert mechanism to provide the Council with thematic expertise on the rights of indigenous peoples in the manner and form requested by the Council. The Council will consider the report of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on its eighth session, held from 20 to 24 July 2015 (A/HRC/30/52).

82. In its resolution 27/13, the Council requested the Expert Mechanism to prepare a study on the promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples with respect to their cultural heritage, including through their participation in political and public life, and to present it to the Council at its thirtieth session. The Council will consider the study of the Expert Mechanism (A/HRC/30/53).

83. Also in its resolution 27/13, the Council requested the Expert Mechanism to continue to undertake, with the assistance of OHCHR, the questionnaire survey to seek the views of States and indigenous peoples on best practices regarding possible appropriate measures and implementation strategies in order to attain the end goals of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, with a view to completing a final summary of responses for presentation to the Council at its thirtieth session. The Council will consider the final summary of responses to the questionnaire (A/HRC/30/54).

84. Reference is also made to the annual report of the High Commissioner on the human rights of indigenous peoples (A/HRC/30/25) and to the half-day panel discussion on the rights of indigenous peoples (see paras. 29 and 64 above and annex).

85. Reference is also made to the report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples (A/HRC/30/41 and Add.1–2) (see para. 61 above).

B. Advisory Committee

86. The Advisory Committee held its fourteenth session from 23 to 27 February 2015, and its fifteenth session from 10 to 14 August 2015. In accordance with paragraph 80 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 and decision 18/121, the Council will consider the report of the Advisory Committee on those sessions (A/HRC/30/51) in an interactive dialogue with the Chair of the Committee.

87. In its resolution 27/4, the Council requested the Advisory Committee to submit to the Council at its thirtieth session a final report on the role of local government in the promotion and protection of human rights. It also requested the Advisory Committee, when elaborating the said report, to include therein the main challenges faced by local governments in the promotion and protection of human rights, and to make recommendations on tackling those challenges based on best practices in human rights mainstreaming in local administration and public services. The Council will have before it the final report of the Committee (A/HRC/30/49).

88. In its resolution 27/8, the Council requested the Advisory Committee to finalize the study on the possibilities of using sport and the Olympic ideal to promote human rights for all and to strengthen universal respect for them, and to present it to the Council before its thirtieth session. The Council will consider the finalized study of the Committee (A/HRC/30/50).

C. Complaint procedure

89. In its resolution 5/1, the Human Rights Council established the complaint procedure as contained in section IV of the annex to that resolution. In paragraph 98 of the annex to resolution 5/1, the Working Group on Situations was requested, on the basis of the information and recommendations provided by the Working Group on Communications, to present the Council with a report on consistent patterns of gross and reliably attested violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms and to make recommendations to the Council on the course of action to be taken.

90. At its thirtieth session, the Council will consider the report of the Working Group on Situations on its fifteenth and sixteenth sessions, held in closed meetings from 26 to 30 January 2015 and from 6 to 9 July 2015, respectively, and any other pending issues relating to the complaint procedure.

D. Special procedures

91. The Human Rights Council will have before it the communications report of special procedures (A/HRC/30/27). The full report will be available online.

E. Open-ended intergovernmental working group on a draft United Nations declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas

92. In its resolution 26/26, the Human Rights Council requested the open-ended intergovernmental working group with the mandate of negotiating, finalizing and submitting to the Council a draft United Nations declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas to submit to the Council for consideration at its thirtieth session a report on progress made. The Council will consider the report of the working group (A/HRC/30/55).

6. Universal periodic review

93. In its resolution 5/1, the Human Rights Council established the universal periodic review mechanism as contained in section I of the annex to that resolution. The Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review held its twenty-second session from 4 to 15 May 2015. At its thirtieth session, the Council will consider and adopt the final outcomes of the review of Andorra (A/HRC/30/9), Belarus (A/HRC/30/3), Bulgaria (A/HRC/30/10), Croatia (A/HRC/30/14), Honduras (A/HRC/30/11), Jamaica (A/HRC/30/15), Liberia (A/HRC/30/4), Libya (A/HRC/30/16), Malawi (A/HRC/30/5), Maldives (A/HRC/30/8), the Marshall Islands (A/HRC/30/13), Mongolia (A/HRC/30/6), Panama (A/HRC/30/7) and the United States of America (A/HRC/30/12).

94. Pursuant to President's statement 9/2 on modalities and practices for the universal periodic review process, the outcomes of the review are adopted by the Council at its plenary session by a standardized decision. The outcomes comprise the report of the Working Group, the views of the State under review concerning the recommendations and/or conclusions, and the voluntary commitments made and replies presented by the State under review, before the adoption of the outcome by the plenary, to questions or issues that were not sufficiently addressed during the interactive dialogue in the Working Group.

7. Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories

95. No reports will be considered under agenda item 7.

8. Follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Contribution of the Human Rights Council to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem of 2016

96. In accordance with its resolution 28/28, the Human Rights Council will hold a panel discussion on the impact of the world drug problem on the enjoyment of human rights, to have a constructive and inclusive dialogue on this issue with relevant stakeholders, including specialized United Nations agencies and civil society, and with the participation of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (see annex).

97. Reference is also made to the study of the High Commissioner on the impact of the world drug problem on the enjoyment of human rights, and recommendations on respect for and the protection and promotion of human rights in the context of the world drug problem (A/HRC/30/65) (see para. 38 above).

Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system

98. In accordance with its resolution 6/30, the Human Rights Council will hold an annual discussion on the integration of a gender perspective throughout its work and that of its mechanisms (see annex).

9. Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance, follow-up to and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent

99. In its resolution 27/25, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent for a period of three years, in accordance with the terms of reference contained in Council resolution 9/14, and requested the Working Group to submit an annual report to the Council, as well as to the General Assembly in the context of the International Decade for People of African Descent. The Council will consider the report of the Working Group on its fifteenth and sixteenth sessions, held from 17 to 21 November 2014 and from 30 March to 2 April 2015, respectively (A/HRC/30/56 and Add.1–4).

10. Technical assistance and capacity-building

National policies and human rights

100. Reference is made to the summary report of the High Commissioner on the panel discussion on the issue of national policies and human rights held at the twenty-eighth session of the Council (A/HRC/30/28) (see para. 39 above).

Technical assistance and capacity-building for human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

101. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the efforts of OHCHR to increase and strengthen its technical assistance programmes and activities aimed at improving the human rights situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/HRC/30/32) (see para. 40 above).

102. Reference is also made to the study of the High Commissioner on the impact of technical assistance and capacity-building on the human rights situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/HRC/30/33) (see para. 41 above).

Technical assistance and capacity-building for Yemen in the field of human rights

103. Reference is made to the progress report of OHCHR on the situation of human rights in Yemen and on the follow-up to Council resolutions 18/19, 19/29, 21/22, 24/32 and 27/19 (A/HRC/30/31) (see para. 42 above).

Technical assistance and capacity-building in strengthening human rights in Iraq in the light of the abuses committed by Daesh and associated terrorist groups

104. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the provision of technical assistance to the Government of Iraq to assist in the promotion and protection of human rights, including by all Iraqi parties (A/HRC/30/66) (see para. 44 above).

Advisory services and technical assistance to Cambodia

105. In its resolution 24/29, the Human Rights Council decided to extend by two years the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia, and requested the Special Rapporteur to report to the Council at its twenty-seventh and thirtieth sessions. The Council will consider the report of the new mandate holder, Rhona Smith (A/HRC/30/58).

106. Reference is also made to the report of the Secretary-General on the role and achievements of OHCHR in assisting the Government and the people of Cambodia in the promotion and protection of human rights (A/HRC/30/30) (see para. 43 above).

Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights

107. In its resolution 24/30, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia for two years, and requested the Independent Expert to continue his engagement with the Government of Somalia at the national and subnational levels, civil society and the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Bahame Nyanduga (A/HRC/30/57).

Technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights in the Central African Republic

108. In its resolution 27/28, the Human Rights Council decided to issue a one-year extension of the mandate of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic to monitor, verify and report on the situation of human rights with a view to making recommendations concerning technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights. It also requested the Independent Expert to submit a written report to the Council at its thirtieth session. The Council will have before it the report of the mandate holder, Marie-Thérèse Keita Bocoum (A/HRC/30/59).

Technical assistance and capacity-building to improve human rights in the Sudan

109. In its resolution 27/29, the Human Rights Council decided to renew the mandate of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan for one year to continue his or her engagement with the Government to assess, verify and report on the situation of human rights with the view to make recommendations on technical assistance and capacity-building for addressing human rights. It also requested the Independent Expert to present a report to the Council for consideration at its thirtieth session. The Council will have before it the report of the new mandate holder, Aristide Nononsi (A/HRC/30/60).

Technical assistance and capacity-building to improve human rights in Libya

110. In its resolution 28/30, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner urgently to dispatch a mission to investigate violations and abuses of international human rights law committed in Libya since the beginning of 2014, and to establish the facts and circumstances of such abuses and violations with a view to avoiding impunity and ensuring full accountability. It also requested the High Commissioner to provide the Council, at its thirtieth session, with an oral update, to be followed by a stand-alone interactive dialogue, and invited the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Libya to participate in the dialogue, which should include a focus on ensuring accountability for human rights violations and abuses in Libya. Accordingly, the High Commissioner will present an oral update to the Council.

Cooperation and assistance to Ukraine in the field of human rights

111. In its resolution 29/23, the Human Rights Council invited the High Commissioner to present orally to the States Members of the Council and observers the findings of each of the periodic reports of OHCHR on the situation of human rights in Ukraine, as part of the interactive dialogues, and through the modalities of the Council, in accordance with its resolution 5/1, until the thirty-second session of the Council. The High Commissioner will present an oral update to the Council.

Annex

Panels and discussions to be held at the thirtieth session of the Human Rights Council

Resolution/decision	*Panel/discussion*
27/21 and Corr.1 Human rights and unilateral coercive measures	Biennial panel discussion on the issue of unilateral coercive measures and human rights
25/8 The role of good governance in the promotion and protection of human rights	Panel discussion on a human rights-based approach to good governance in the public service
18/8 and **27/13** Human rights and indigenous peoples	Annual half-day discussion on the human rights of indigenous peoples
28/22 Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Panel discussion on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, including the issue of international abductions, enforced disappearances and related matters
28/28 Contribution of the Human Rights Council to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem of 2016	Panel discussion on the impact of the world drug problem on the enjoyment of human rights
6/30 Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system	Annual discussion on the integration of a gender perspective throughout the work of the Human Rights Council and that of its mechanisms